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extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 25.

The following claims have been amended as indicated in a separate marked-up version of the claims.

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12. (Five times amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a pan-growth factor which polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding an artemin amino acid sequence that has biological activity of artemin, wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises not more than 10,000 nucleotides, and wherein said artemin amino acid sequence is at least 88% identical to SEQ ID NO:26, and wherein said amino acid sequence promotes survival of neurons, and wherein said polynucleotide also comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide containing an active domain of at least one other growth factor from the TGF- β superfamily.

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15. (Six times amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising no more than 10,000 nucleotides, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes an artemin amino acid sequence that has biological activity of artemin, and wherein said artemin amino acid sequence is at least 88% identical to SEQ ID NO:26, and wherein said artemin amino acid sequence promotes survival of neurons.

REMARKS

Claims 12, 15-27 and 39-40 are presently pending in the instant application. Claims 23, 24, and 27 are allowed. Claims 12 and 15 have been amended. Claim 25 has been cancelled